



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our whole parent community for 2024. Following my welcome email to you all of last week: it has been great catching up with as many of you as possible at tea and tissues as well as generally in parent pickup/drop off. I trust the first days of the school year are starting well for you.

This year St Lucy's is celebrating reaching a major milestone and becoming a K-12 School. Meet our first Year 12 cohort and our first ever High School Leaders: Maggie and Lachlan.



SENIOR SCHOOL LEADERS 2024



Parent Information Night: Thursday 15 February

Book in asap for this important night of information from class teams and the school.

This is a great opportunity to Meet the Teaching Team for your class, meet other parents in your class and find out the practical information from the teaching team about how they are organising the week of learning for the class.

Plus, it is an important opportunity to hear of our initiatives in student Wellbeing and Social and Emotional Learning which we have focussed upon last year as we have emerged from Covid and continue in 2024. Information will also be presented about the P & F, the Master Plan and Strategic direction of the school.

Light refreshment and some social time to connect with other parents and staff will also be on offer. Hope to see you there.

09 February 2024

2024 DATES - TERM 1

Thursday 15 February 2024

Parent Information Night

4-8 March 2024 - IEP Week

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Primary School Open Day #1

Wednesday 13 March 2024

High School Open Day #1

Friday 15 March 2024

High School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Open Day - Narrabeen

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Twilight Open Day

Friday 22 March 2024

Years 1-6 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 27 March 2024

Primary School Open Day #2

Thursday 4th April 2024

Men's Evening 6.30pm-8.00pm

St Edmunds College

Thursday 4th April 2024

Class Parents Morning Tea
9.00am-10am

Friday 12 April 2024

Term 1 concludes for students



Individual Education Plan Meetings: Week of 4 March

Bring along your external therapists and get into the detail of setting some goals for your child and young person for their broader learning in the first semester this year in collaboration with your Class Team. These along with other academic goals will be reported upon at the end of Term 2 in the Semester reports. More detailed information about IEPs will be circulated shortly.

Parent Code of Conduct

As we start the year can I encourage all parents to read the Parent Code of Conduct. It is available on our website and by clicking this [link](#). The Code is a great framework for helping us have respectful and constructive communication together. As a community of adults and professionals we enjoy having useful solution focussed meetings in partnership to resolve concerns that arise from time to time. The Code is a great framework for helping us find the best possible outcome whilst also recognising that, at times, we cannot all agree all of the time.

Parent Survey Results from 2023:

I am pleased to share with you the results from this survey completed by 117 parents during October and November 2023 last year. Once again, as a parent body, you have demonstrated your overwhelming confidence in the School and affirmation in all we seek to achieve here on your behalf for the benefit of your sons and daughters.

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Underground carpark

Parents should enter the car park by turning left into the driveway off Billyard Avenue. This is to avoid congestion of right turning vehicles. Follow the arrows which will lead you in a U-shape around the car park starting on the left-hand side.

All stationary cars should have their engines turned off.

On reaching the line closest to the glass vestibule – please park your car and come to the door to drop off or collect your child/young person from/to the staff member on duty.

Please then return to your car promptly, ensuring your young person is secured (for pick up), and exit the driveway. A reminder that drop off and pick up times are not a time for handover of information between staff and parents/carers.

If you need a sign for your dashboard with your child's name on it please contact Malinda: malindas@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.

Covid and Illness Procedures

We continue to ask parents to be especially vigilant about Covid. If your child is displaying any cold/flu symptoms, regardless of if they're testing negative to Covid, they need to remain at home until symptom free to break the cycle of illnesses being spread. Our current school policy remains that if your child tests positive to Covid they must isolate for 7 days and return a negative RAT on day 6 in order to return after 7 days. If someone in your household tests positive, then your child is deemed a close contact and must isolate for 5 days and return a negative RAT prior to returning to school.

High School Building update

Over the holidays you will notice the Catherine Centre has come a long way. The last of the large concrete pours was completed and we are starting on the internal fit out.



David Raphael
Principal

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST LUCY'S SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 15 February 6pm – 8pm

A warm welcome is extended to both new and existing St Lucy's families.
You are invited to this special evening to spend time with your child's teachers as they outline their plans for the year ahead.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILIES

Enter via Cleveland Street – transition through Maple Courtyard or Start Right Corridor

6.00pm Arrival via Gallery doors – Cleveland Street – go to Classrooms

6.20pm Meet your new class teaching team, learn about the practical class routines for your son/daughter

7.05pm Transition to Creative Arts Centre for Parent Information Session where light refreshments will be available

8.00pm Evening concludes

Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/COXWG>



Please RSVP by 13 February and kindly note that this invitation is for parents/carers only.

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES

Enter via Billyard Ave – transition through Inner Playground – Music Studio to CAC

6.00pm Arrival via Entrance on Billyard Ave – to Creative Arts Centre where light refreshments will be available

6.25pm Parent Information Session held in Creative Arts Centre

7.05pm Transition to Classrooms to meet your new class teaching team, learn about the practical class routines for your son/daughter

8.00pm Evening concludes

Booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/COXXM>



NOTE: If you are experiencing any Covid/flu like symptoms please do not attend the event

ST LUCY'S SOCIAL MEDIA

St Lucy's social media platforms are a great way to see what is happening around the school as well as see upcoming workshops or events that may be of interest to you.



You can follow **St Lucy's Facebook page** by using the following link:
<https://www.facebook.com/STLUCYSSCHOOL>



You can follow **St Lucy's Instagram page** by using the following link:
https://www.instagram.com/stlucysschool_wahroonga/



St Lucy's P&F Facebook page.

The Parents & Friends have set up a closed Facebook page for parents to message useful information to each other. If you would like to join this closed group please see the ad below. Only parents of enrolled students are members.

Join Our Facebook Community

How to find our group:
Search for "St Lucy's Parents and Friends Community" or follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/283397009022692> after answering some questions, an admin member will verify and approve your access.

About our private Facebook group: it's accessible only to parents & guardians of currently enrolled students at St Lucy's School. Created and maintained by parents, this group is a fun, helpful and safe place to connect with other parents. With the aim of building rapport, creating opportunities to connect and strengthen our school community.

The Group Rules are simple:

1. Always follow the Parent Code of Conduct.
2. No School Grievances
3. Be Kind and Courteous
4. No Promotions or Spam
5. Respect Everyone's Privacy
6. We're all in this together

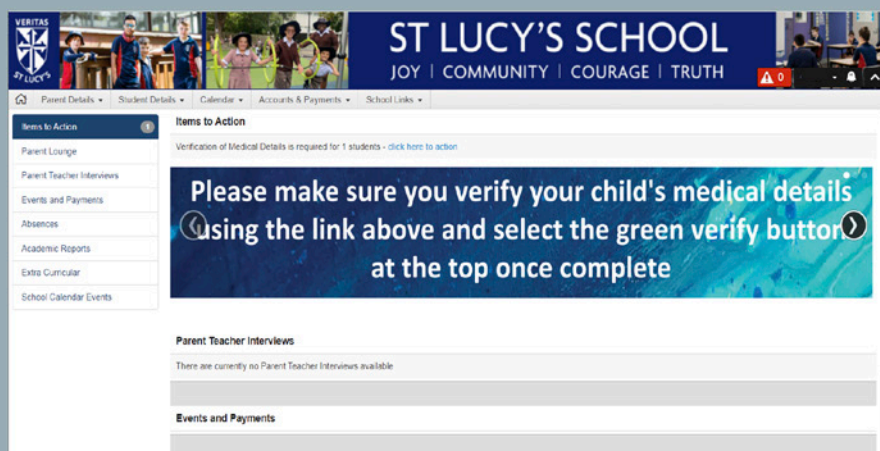
JOIN NOW

PARENTS & FRIENDS

St Lucy's Parent Lounge

Features

- Update contact information
- Update student medical information
- Notify the school of absences
- View the school calendar
- Access school reports
- Book IEP meetings
- Provide permission and payment for excursions, holiday programs and events
- Set up payment schedules or make one off payments for school fees



For any assistance, please email parentlounge@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Install the App in 4 easy steps!



This free school app keeps parents up to date with School Communications including alerts that may arise and is another way to preview our School Newsletter.

1. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
3. Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
4. Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



Search Audiri in the app store



audiri.com.au



ST LUCY'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



St Lucy's is a special education primary school and high school for children with disabilities located in Wahroonga on Sydney's North Shore.

We invite you to one of our Open Days to see how your child will benefit from St Lucy's intensive instruction in: literacy, numeracy, social and emotional competence and independence skills in a dynamic and creative environment.

For more information contact the Enrolments Manager on 8355 3157 or enrol@stlucys.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 19 May 2024.

ST LUCY'S 2024 OPEN DAY SESSIONS:

WAHROONGA CAMPUS St Lucy's School, 21 Cleveland Street, Wahroonga

Tuesday 12 March	K-6 Open Day #1	9.15am -11.00am
Wednesday 13 March	High School Open Day	9.15am -11.00am
Wednesday 20 March	Twilight Tour	4.30pm -6.00pm
Wednesday 27 March	K-6 Open Day #2	9.15am -11.00am

NARRABEEN CAMPUS St Joseph's Primary School, 108 Ocean St, Narrabeen

Tuesday 19 March	Satellite Class Open Day	9.00am -10.30am
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To book an Open Day session in March, visit
<https://www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-open-day-special-needs-school/>



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Dear Parents

Welcome to our 2024 school year. For all our Wahroonga students please order your school uniforms through Flexischools.



When you log into Flexischools you will see the screen with 2 boxes at the top, News and Shop. Click on Shop and you will be able to see the uniform selection.

If you have any issues please contact Patricia on Patriciam@stlucys.nsw.edu.au.

Just a reminder to please label your child's clothing and shoes – it means they will find their way back to you if lost!

Kind regards,

Patricia McCarthy

Executive Assistant to Principal & Front Office Manager

MISSION AND IDENTITY

Sacramental Information Evening

If your child is baptised in the Roman Catholic tradition, is seven years of age or over, and you are interested in them receiving the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion or First Reconciliation, you are warmly invited to attend our Sacramental Information Evening on Thursday, May 9 at 6pm in the Possibility Space at St Lucy's Wahroonga. The sacraments are administered through our local parish, Holy Name, Wahroonga. If you would like further information about the sacraments or would like to discuss your child's participation, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College or email johnh@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Opening School Liturgy

On Monday 5 February, we celebrated our first whole school liturgy. It was a vibrant and wonderful coming together of the whole school community, including our satellite classes. Our opening liturgy focussed on the themes of hope and belonging, as expressed in the Emmaus Story. The highlight was witnessing the students' enthusiasm when singing This Little Light of Mine. In the words of our closing prayer:

Lord, who makes all things new

Be with us today

Fill our hearts with joy

Fill our minds with learning

Fill our classrooms with peace

Fill our lessons with fun

Fill our friendships with kindness

Fill our school with your love

Amen

John Hamey

Acting Head of Mission & Identity





STAR OF THE WEEK PRIMARY AWARDS



STAR OF THE WEEK (WEEK 2)

Axolotyl	Billy Garrod	Narwhal	Ruby O'Brien + Maye Akra
Beluga	Jemima McPherson	Otter	Sydney Cameron
Bilby	Juliette O' Sullivan	Panda	Jade Merrett
Bonobo	Izzy McDonald	Penguin	Mila White
Chimpanzee	All of Chimpanzee Class	Rhino	Jude McPherson
Elephant	Isabel Jefferson	Sloth	Maddie Pak
Fox	Joshua Uler	Vaquita	Anastasia Price
Glider	Archie Killian		
Lion	Whole Class		



HIGH SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS



MERIT AWARDS WEEK 2

Gorilla	Gidon Budai	Tiger	Anna Bray + Ben Sherlock
Iguana	Hugh Weschler	Tuatara	Heidi Foxall
Jaguar	Matthew Threlfo	Turtle	Sophia Dixon
Ocelot	Oliver D'Souza	Wolf	Cruz Balfour + Samara Macklin
Potoroo	Abigail O' Keefe		
Quokka	Gavin Hunter + Sophia Shepherd		
Seahorse	Joshua Gill		

ST LUCY'S NEEDS SWIMMING VOLUNTEERS



Term 1 and Term 4 2024

Are you interested in volunteering at St Lucy's School as part of our swimming program?

The aim of swimming program is to build confidence in the water, improve swimming techniques while also increasing muscle strength and joint mobility.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

2 hours of volunteer time each week (2 classes) to assist the PE Teachers in our outdoor heated pool for 7 weeks in Term 1, 2024 February and March and possibly again in Term 4 2024 October/November

Working With Children Check • Double vaccinated for Covid-19

No experience necessary just a willingness to learn and have fun!

Please email volunteer@stlucys.nsw.edu.au



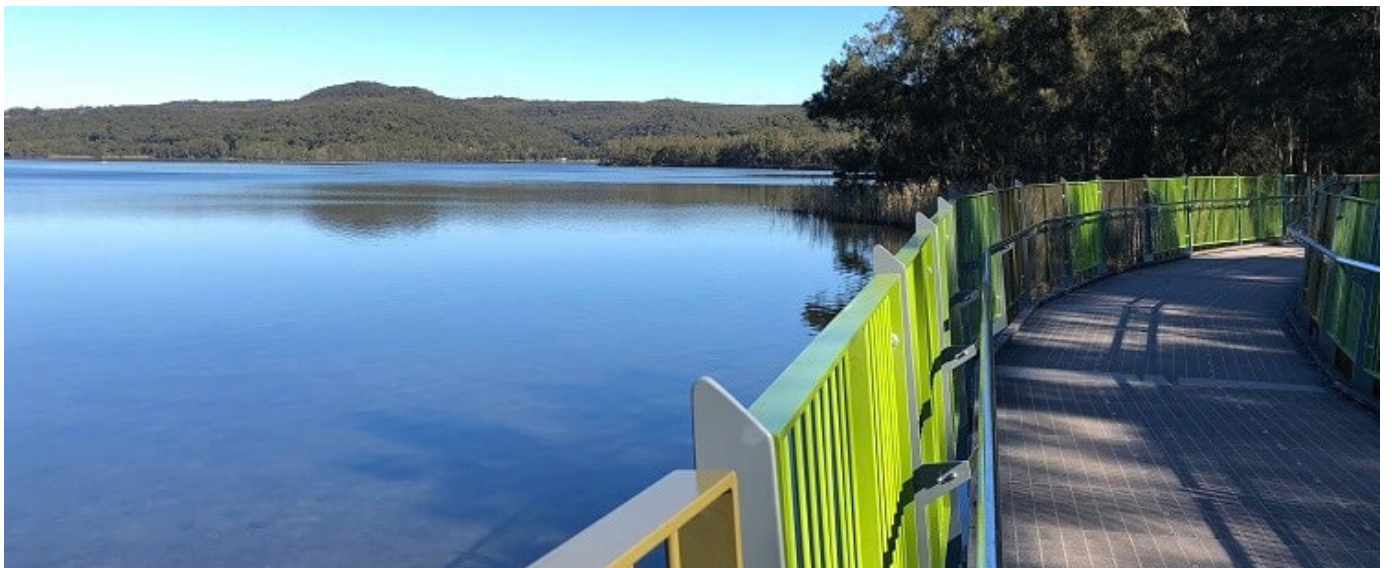


ST LUCY'S PARENT "WALK and TALK"

Get off to a great start this school year and make the most of the opportunity to tick off two important wellbeing essentials (at the same time)! Exercise and connect with others.

When: Tuesdays (unless raining heavily)
 Where: Meet at St Lucy's front gate (Cleveland Street Wahroonga)
 Time: 9.00am-9.45am. Prams and dogs welcome.

If you would like to come along or know more please email familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or call/text Justine on 0456 681 710.



ST LUCY'S "BEACHES PARENT WALK and TALK"

When: Thursdays (unless raining heavily)
 Where: St Joseph's Primary School (Lagoon Street Narrabeen)
 Time: 8.50am-9.50am
 Who: Any parent of St Lucy's School; prams and dogs also welcome.

If you would like to come along or know more please email familysupport@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or call/text Justine on 0456 681 710.

The Support Society After School Activities



After School activities run 3pm-6pm, including pick up from school and drop home!

MONDAY

Baking (in-centre)



TUESDAY

Sensory Science & Games (in-centre)



WEDNESDAY

Swim/Surfing



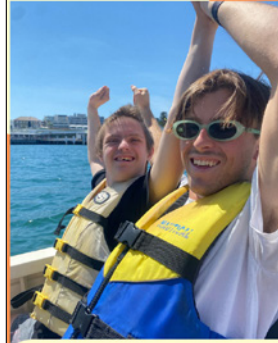
THURSDAY

Walking & Pub Dinner



For booking or more information, please get in contact
braede@supportocietyaus.com.au
0416 089 940

The Support Society Social Saturdays



Social Saturday Program runs every Saturday, 9am-3pm. This program is based in the community and aims to build on social skills, whilst having fun with peers in exciting activities around Sydney and beyond!



For booking or more information, please get in contact
braede@supportocietyaus.com.au
0416 089 940



CatholicCare
Disability Futures

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

CatholicCare runs an on-site after school program at St Lucy's weekdays during the school term until 6.00pm.

As an NDIS registered service provider, you are able to use your child's NDIS funding to access any of the services and supports CatholicCare provides. A fee for service option is also available.

If you are interested please contact us so that we can discuss the individual needs of your child.

Need something during the school holidays?
We also offer Vacation Care services.

BOOKINGS & MORE INFO:

Disability Futures
P: (02) 9488 2500
E: disabilityfutures@catholiccareddb.org.au
W: www.catholiccareddb.org.au



CENTRE BASED
ACTIVITIES

ENROLL NOW FOR A YEAR OF NEW
POSSIBILITIES AND GROWTH FOR YOUR CHILD.

EARLY INTERVENTION
PLAYGROUP

SCHOOL LEAVERS

AFTER SCHOOL

WEEKEND PROGRAM

HOMESCHOOLING/
SCHOOL SUPPORT

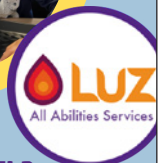
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

CHECK AVAILABILITY FOR TRANSPORT



OPEN FOR
ENROLLMENT

02 80654284 www.luzallabilities.com.au



Disclaimer: While we are aware of and are happy to let you know about support services, we are not endorsing these services and cannot promise you that the services are suitable for your child or family's needs. It is up to you to make your own enquiries and decide whether a service is suitable for your child and your family.



NDIS Navigator

Helping you navigate and understand the NDIS.

Do you sometimes feel like you need a compass and map to navigate the NDIS?

Hireup's NDIS Navigator team is here to help support you to understand and make the most of your NDIS plan.

Book a call to get started!

Book a call

How the NDIS Navigator team can support you

Plan reassessments (plan reviews)

Preparing for your plan reassessment.

Unscheduled plan reviews and change in situations

Submitting an unscheduled plan review or change in situation.

Understanding your plan

Support to understand your plan and funding flexibility.

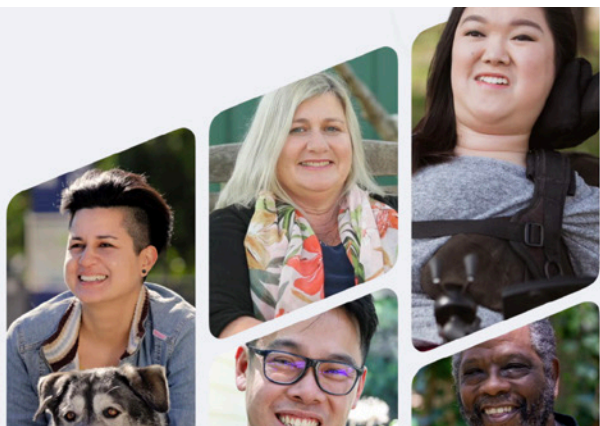
Preparing for your participant check in

Who can access the NDIS Navigator service?

- Navigator is a **free** service.
- It is for clients who currently **don't have support coordination**.
- It is for clients with a **short term need**, usually 3-5 hours.

Ready to get started?

Book a call



What to expect from NDIS Navigator

1

Book a call

Connect for an initial **conversation** with your Coach and to learn more about the service.

2

Book your first session

Book and prepare for your first session. We may send you an email with useful information and guides to prepare for your session. You may also like to share reports with your Coach in advance.

3

Attend your coaching session

Attend your coaching session via zoom or phone call. You will receive a summary of your discussion, helpful next steps and the option to book a follow up call if needed.

4

Feedback

Check in and provide feedback. Following your session, you will be sent a survey. We value your feedback about your experience